

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Washington, D.C.

# Memorandum

TO : Dr. V. Clain-Stefanelli  
Curator of Numismatics  
Smithsonian Institution

FROM : Deputy  
Director and Legal Advisor  
Office of Domestic Gold & Silver Operations

SUBJECT: Request for License to Import Gold Coin

DATE: July 29, 1968

By: The Bank of California  
400 California Street  
San Francisco, California

From: John J. Ford, Jr.  
176 Hendrickson Ave.  
Rockville Centre, NY

We have a request to ~~acquire~~ <sup>acquire</sup> the following:

One gold bar described in the enclosed application form. Do you consider this bar to qualify as a rare gold bar of exceptional numismatic value which would be eligible for licensing?

/s/ Ruth W. Picknell  
8-19-68

We should like to examine the bar mentioned.

V. Clain-Stefanelli

Thank you for your usual cooperation.



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U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations  
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APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO ACQUIRE, IMPORT, HOLD and/or TRANSPORT A RARE GOLD BAR  
(To be filed in duplicate)

A separate application must be filed for each bar

To the Director, Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. 20220:

1. Application is hereby made, in accordance with Section 54.35 of the Gold Regulations issued under the Gold Reserve Act of 1934 and Section 5(b) of the Act of October 6, 1917, Executive Order 6260 of August 28, 1933, all as amended, for a license to Acquire ☐ Import ☐ Hold ☒ Transport within the ☐ United States

a gold bar which was of recognized numismatic value prior to April 5, 1933\*

2. NAME OF APPLICANT The Bank of California N.A.  
ADDRESS 400 California Street, San Francisco, California 94120
3. Name and address of person from whom bar is to be or was acquired: John J. Ford, Jr.  
176 Hendrickson Ave., Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570
4. Complete description of the bar including all markings appearing thereon (attach photographs of all sides), size and weight. BANK / OF / CALIFORNIA / 5 OZS. /  
GOLD HILL / NEV. / 1867 / 990 THOUS / Size 31x50x1.60 mm.  
Markings W. SHARON / AGENT / \$102.00  
Weight 155.41 Grams - 2,393 Grains Date of Manufacture 1867
5. Name and Address of Manufacturer Bank of California, Gold Hill, Nevada
6. Give (in box below), where possible, the name and address of each person who has owned subject bar since 1900 to present time: (If more space is needed attach separate sheet)

NAME	ADDRESS	DATES OWNED
Sharon-Shaaron family	RFD Route, north of Sacramento, Calif. (ca. 1960) (Exact address not known) (\$30 piece, only other known, obtained at same time, now in Nat. coll.)	

7. IF BAR IS TO BE IMPORTED:  
Port through which bar is to be imported \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Post Office through which bar is to be received \_\_\_\_\_

8. I hereby certify:

- (a) That I am the applicant ----- ☒
- (b) That I am duly authorized by and on behalf of the applicant to make this application-  
(attach copy of authorization) ☐
- (c) That the facts set forth in this application are true and accurate to the best of my information and belief and that I do not have knowledge of any material facts in connection with such application which are not fully and accurately set forth herein.

Signature

James L. Lea

Vice President

Official capacity of person signing

The Bank of California N.A.

400 California St., San Francisco, Calif. 94120  
Address

July 18, 1968  
Date



\*A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT AUTHORIZE THE EXPORT OF THE BAR. FORM TG-33 MUST BE FILED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

The Director reserves the right to require any additional information or documentation which he may deem necessary to make a determination as to the eligibility of a gold bar for acquisition, importation, holding or transportation.

United States Code, Title 18, Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a wilfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States or to conceal therefrom, knowingly or wilfully, any material fact as to any matter within the jurisdiction of such department or agency.



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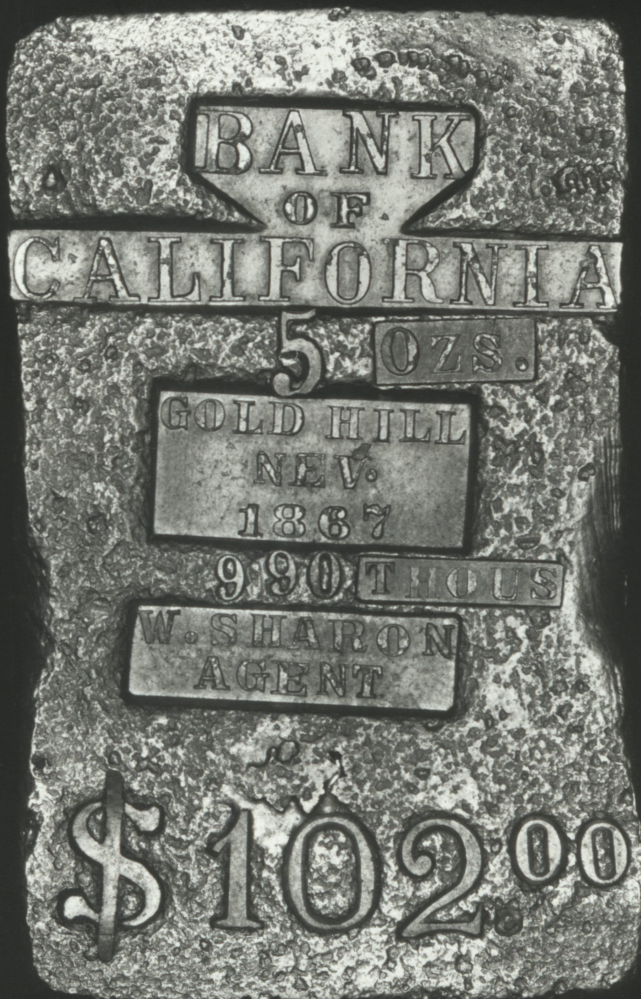
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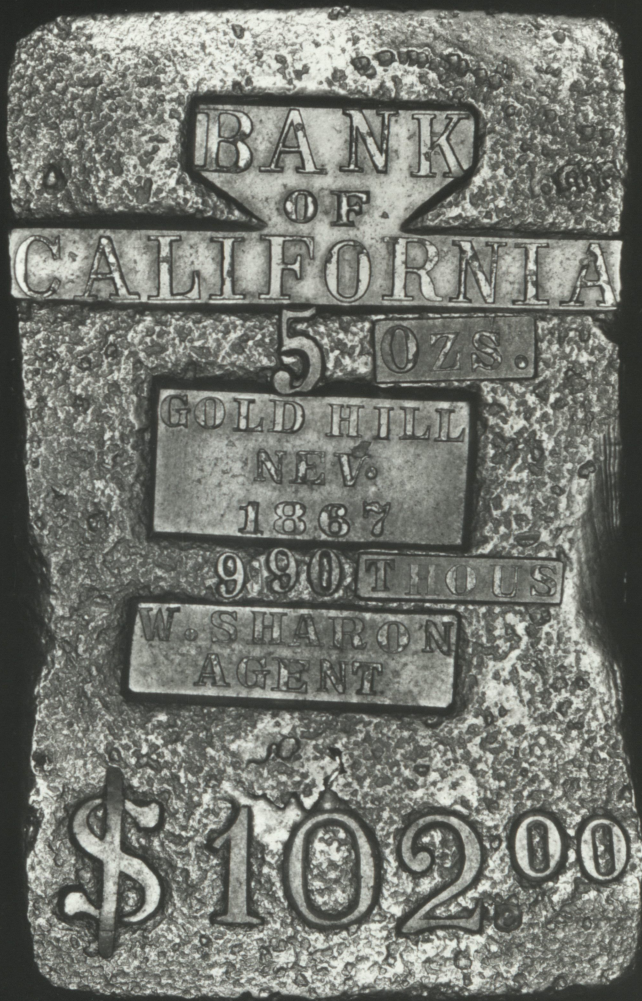
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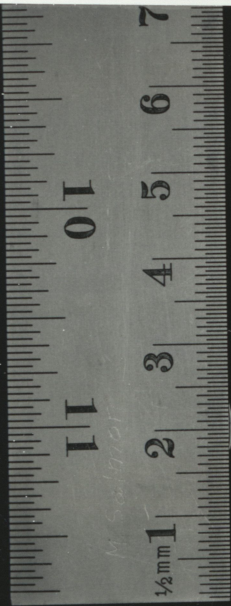




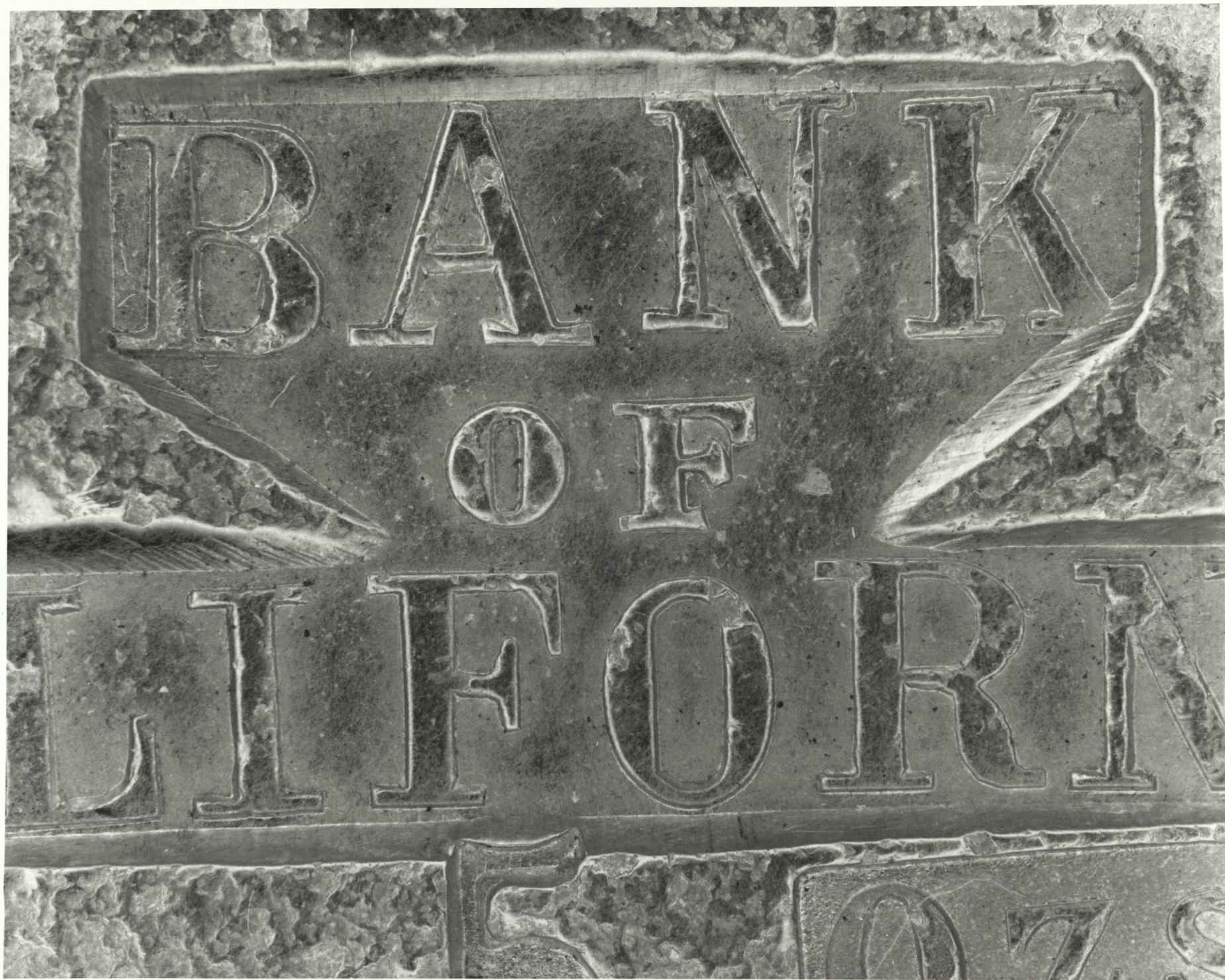












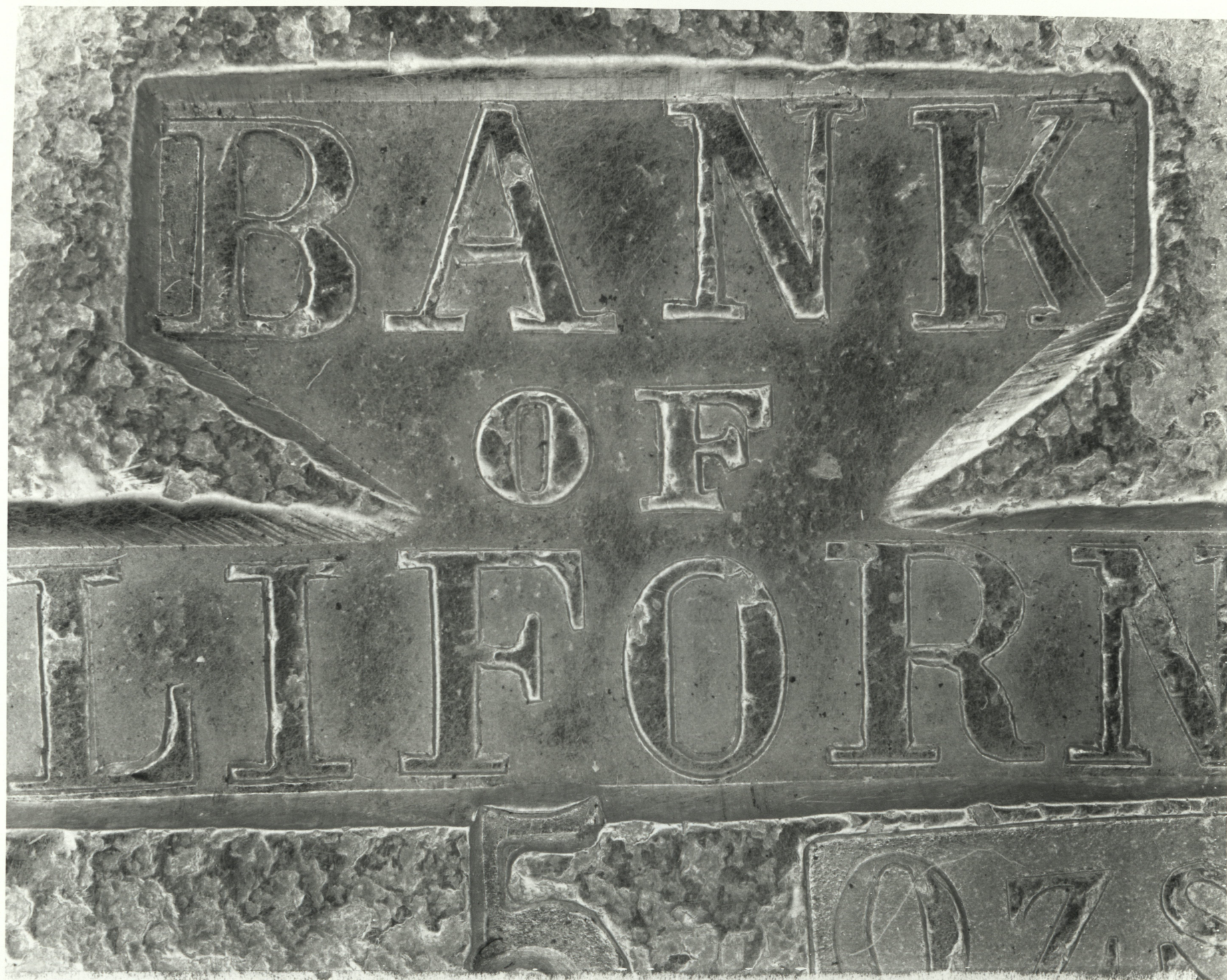


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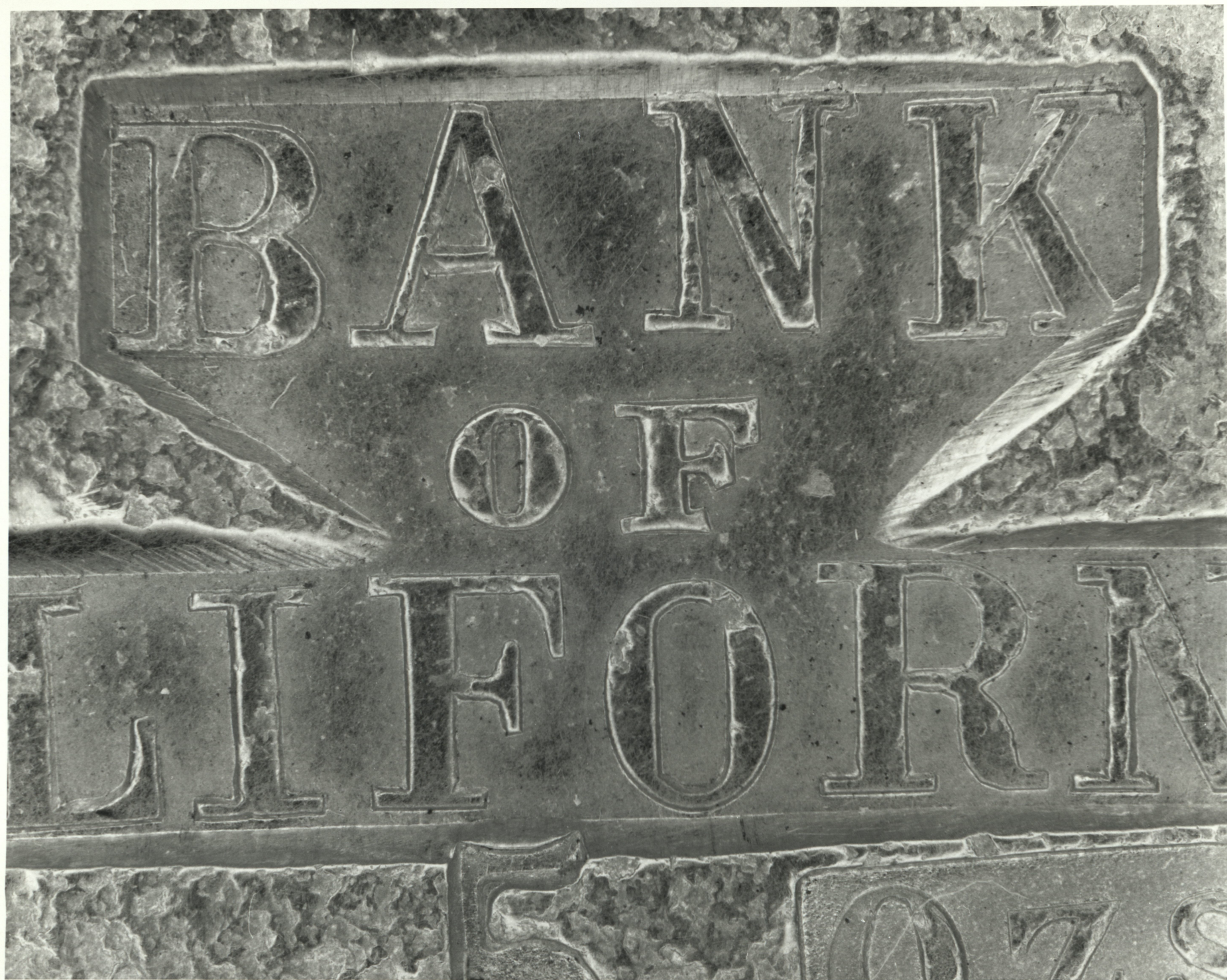
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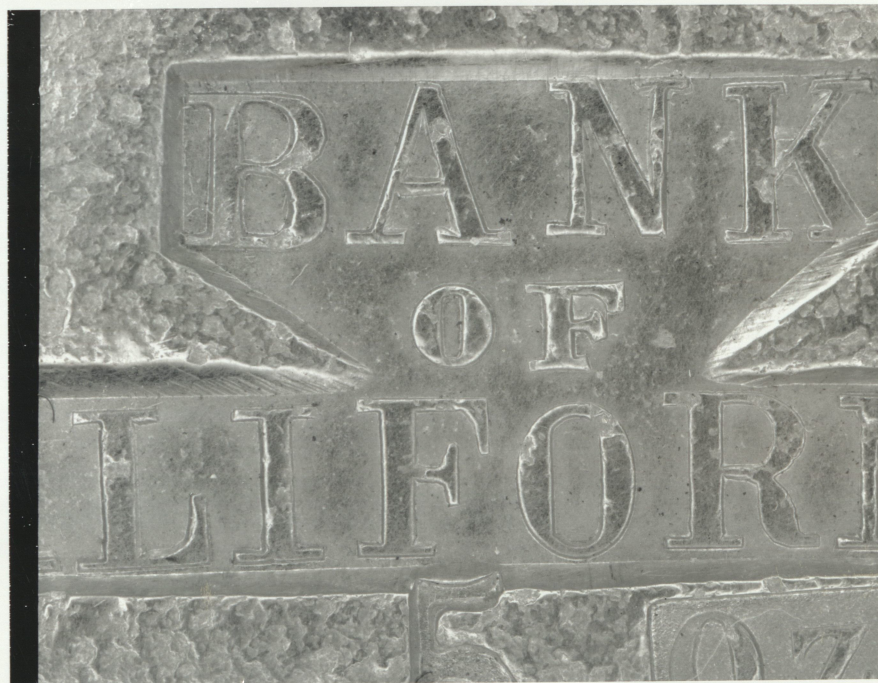
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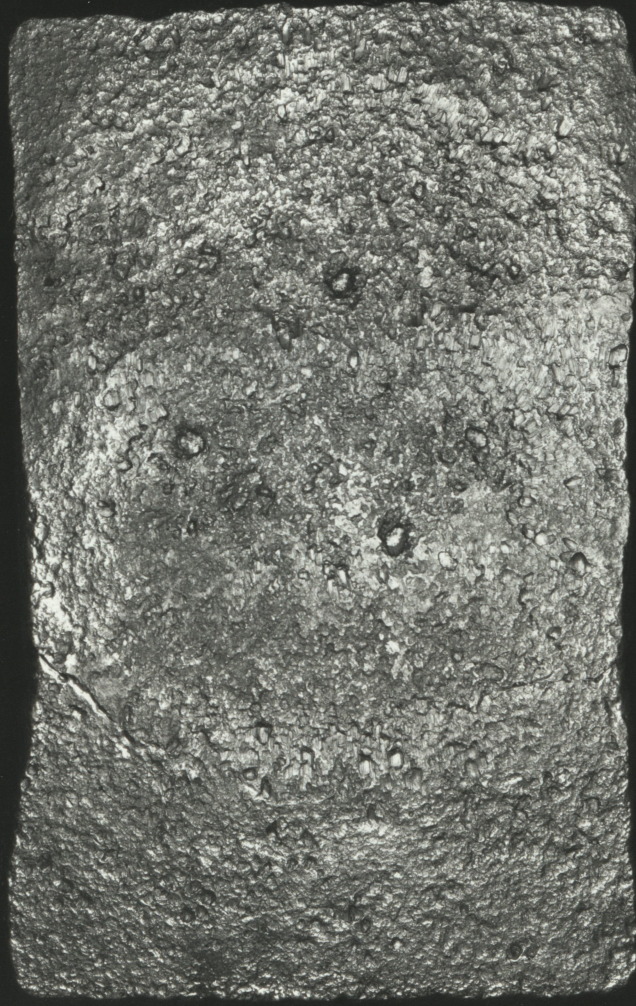
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